GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:797
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2007
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals of development of tourism in the State of Kerala are pending with the Union Government for necessary clearance;

(b) if so, the details of the projects pending for clearance; and

(c) the reason for the delay in issuing clearance for the projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of places/spots of tourist interests is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized in consultation with the State Governments.

During 2007-08, 12 proposals have been received from the Kerala Government and details of these proposals are given in the Annexure. Proposals which are complete in all respect as per guidelines are processed on inter-se priority basis and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

During the current financial year, the following proposals have already been sanctioned for Central Financial Assistance to the Government of Kerala:

1. Destination Development of Wayanad for Rs.201.72 lakhs

2. Development of Kodungallur Heritage Tourism Circuit for Rs.361.75 lakhs

3. Development of Pathiramanal Bio Park for Rs.499.61 lakhs

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.797 ANSWERED ON 22.11.2007 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN KERALA.

LIST OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM KERALA GOVERNMENT DURING 2007-08.

1. Development of Kalamandalam as a tourist destination

2. Development of Kasaragod & Bekal

3. Development of Kozikode as a destination − Sarovaram Wetland Nature Park

4. Development of Farm Tourism in the Estates of Plantation Corp. of Kerala Ltd.

5. Onam and Nishagandha Festivals 6. Pooram Festival

7 Destination Development of Elephant Park at Punnathoor (Additional work)

8. Development of Mangalam Dam as a Tourist Destination

9. Development of Kottakkunnu in Malappuram as a Tourist Destination

10. Development of Wayanad in Kerala

11. Development of Kodungallur Heritage Circuit, Kerala

12. Development of Pathiramanal Bio Park, Kerala